

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A content use device for using composite content recorded on a recording medium, the composite content including a plurality of pieces of content that are respectively protected by a plurality of different protection methods, the content use device comprising:

an acquisition unit operable to acquire a designation of one of the plurality of pieces of content;

a judgment unit operable to judge whether the designated piece of content is usable, based on contract information relating to use of the designated piece of content;

a selection unit operable to select one of the plurality of pieces of content, according to a result of the judgment by the judgment unit; ~~and~~

a determination unit operable to determine, from among the plurality of different protection methods, one protection method that corresponds to the selected one piece of content;

a decryption unit operable to decrypt the selected one piece of content based on the determined protection method; and

an output unit operable to output the decrypted ~~selected~~ piece of content.

2. (Original) The content use device of Claim 1,
wherein the selection unit selects the designated piece of content if the designated piece of content is judged as being usable, and selects an alternative piece of content instead of the designated piece of content if the designated piece of content is judged as being not usable, the alternative piece of content being included in the composite content in correspondence with the designated piece of content.

3. (Original) The content use device of Claim 2,

wherein the composite content recorded on the recording medium includes a content identifier for identifying the designated piece of content and an alternative content identifier for identifying the alternative piece of content, in correspondence with each other,

the selection unit selects the designated piece of content by extracting the content identifier from the composite content if the designated piece of content is judged as being usable, and selects the alternative piece of content by extracting the alternative content identifier corresponding to the content identifier from the composite content if the designated piece of content is judged as being not usable, and

the output unit reads the piece of content identified by the extracted content identifier or alternative content identifier from the recording medium, and outputs the read piece of content.

4. (Original) The content use device of Claim 1,

wherein the judgment unit acquires the contract information, and judges whether the designated piece of content is usable based on the acquired contract information.

5. (Original) The content use device of Claim 4,

wherein the composite content recorded on the recording medium includes a license identifier for identifying the contract information, and

the judgment unit includes:

a contract information storage unit operable to prestore the license identifier and the contract information in correspondence with each other;

an identifier extraction unit operable to extract the license identifier from the composite

content; and

a judging unit operable to read the contract information corresponding to the extracted license identifier from the contract information storage unit, and judge whether the designated piece of content is usable based on the read contract information.

6. (Original) The content use device of Claim 4,

wherein the composite content recorded on the recording medium includes a content identifier for identifying the designated piece of content and a license identifier for identifying the contract information, in correspondence with each other, and

the judgment unit includes:

a contract information storage unit operable to prestore the license identifier and the contract information in correspondence with each other;

an identifier extraction unit operable to extract the license identifier corresponding to the content identifier for identifying the designated piece of content, from the composite content; and

a judging unit operable to read the contract information corresponding to the extracted license identifier from the contract information storage unit, and judge whether the designated piece of content is usable based on the read contract information.

7. (Original) The content use device of Claim 4,

wherein the composite content recorded on the recording medium includes a content identifier for identifying the designated piece of content, and

the judgment unit includes:

a contract information storage unit operable to prestore the content identifier and the

contract information in correspondence with each other;

an identifier extraction unit operable to extract the content identifier from the composite content; and

a judging unit operable to read the contract information corresponding to the extracted content identifier from the contract information storage unit, and judge whether the designated piece of content is usable based on the read contract information.

8. (Original) The content use device of Claim 1,

wherein the composite content recorded on the recording medium includes playback path information showing a correspondence between the designated piece of content and a preceding piece of content that is to be output immediately before the designated piece of content, and

after the output unit outputs the preceding piece of content, the acquisition unit extracts the playback path information from the composite content, and acquires the designation in accordance with the extracted playback path information.

9. (Original) The content use device of Claim 1,

wherein the plurality of pieces of content include a plurality of pieces of angle content that are used for multi-angle switching,

the acquisition unit acquires the designation of one of the plurality of pieces of angle content,

the judgment unit judges whether the designated piece of angle content is usable, based on the contract information, and

the selection unit selects a group of outputtable pieces of angle content according to the

result of the judgment by the judgment unit, and selects one piece of angle content from the selected group, and

the output unit outputs the selected piece of angle content.

10. (Original) The content use device of Claim 1,

wherein the plurality of pieces of content include a plurality of pieces of auxiliary content that are each made up of any of audio data and subtitle data output together with video data,

the acquisition unit acquires the designation of one of the plurality of pieces of auxiliary content,

the judgment unit judges whether the designated piece of auxiliary content is usable, based on the contract information,

the selection unit selects a group of outputtable pieces of auxiliary content according to the result of the judgment by the judgment unit, and selects one piece of auxiliary content from the selected group, and

the output unit outputs the selected piece of auxiliary content.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) A content use method used in a content use device for using composite content recorded on a recording medium, the composite content including a plurality of pieces of content that are respectively protected by a plurality of different protection methods, the content use method comprising steps of:

acquiring a designation of one of the plurality of pieces of content;

judging whether the designated piece of content is usable, based on contract information relating to use of the designated piece of content;

selecting one of the plurality of pieces of content, according to a result of the judgment ~~by in the judgment-judging step; and~~

determining, from among the plurality of different protection methods, one protection method that corresponds to the selected one piece of content;

decrypting the selected one piece of content based on the determined protection method;
and

outputting the ~~selected~~ decrypted piece of content.

13. (Currently Amended) A computer program embodied on a non-transitory computer-readable storage medium, the computer program being used in a computer for using composite content recorded on a recording medium, the composite content including a plurality of pieces of content that are respectively protected by a plurality of different protection methods, the computer program comprising program code operable to cause the computer to perform a method comprising steps of:

acquiring a designation of one of the plurality of pieces of content;

judging whether the designated piece of content is usable, based on contract information relating to use of the designated piece of content;

selecting one of the plurality of pieces of content, according to a result of the judgment ~~by in the judgment-judging step; and~~

determining, from among the plurality of different protection methods, one protection method that corresponds to the selected one piece of content;

decrypting the selected one piece of content based on the determined protection method;
and

outputting the ~~selected~~decrypted piece of content.

14-17. (Canceled)